Newfields Planning Board Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Jeff Feenstra, Mike Price, Mike Todd, Bill Meserve, Selectmen's Representative Jamie Thompson, Alternate Scott Wachsmuth and Town Planner Clay Mitchell. Absent from the meeting was John Hayden, Alternate Keith Rowe and Dave Edgerly.

Chairman Feenstra opened the meeting at 7pm.

A motion was made by Bill Meserve and seconded by Mike Todd to approve the minutes of the August meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Master Plan Update

The Board reviewed the six draft chapters of the master plan.

Chapter 1. Introduction-Welcome to Newfields

a. It was noted that any reference to recycle center or community center will be removed from this chapter.

Chapter 2. Vision-Our Future

- a. The chapter was formulated using community input and recommendations from previous Master Plans
- b. Jeff Feenstra has a vision statement which he will forward to the Board for consideration.

Chapter 3. Land Use & Future Land Use

- a. The chapter describes our current land conditions and looks at how we intend on using our land in the future.
- b. Continue to protect rural character and continue to encourage reasonable development in the commercial and industrial zones.

Chapter 4. Economic Resources

- a. Bill suggested adding Agriculture to this chapter as well as in the Land Use Chapter
- b. Suggestion was made to create an Economic Development Committee with major employers in Town.

Chapter 5. The Services We Provide-Community Facilities

- a. The chapter is an overview and inventory of Newfields Facilities
- b. Formulate Police Impact Fee Methodology

Chapter 6. How We Travel-Transportation

a. The chapter is an inventory of our roadways

b. It was noted by Scott that he would like to see complete road classification information included in this section.
Complete text of the proposed Master Plan is on file at the Town Office. A legal notice will be placed in the paper for adoption at next month's meeting on October 15, 2015.
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Sue McKinnon